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Committee Appointed by Planters Association Will Take Radical Step.

The committee appointed by the Hawaiian Planters' Association at their last annual meeting to devise some practical method of establishing forest reservations have, in conjunction with Governor Dole, succeeded in their plans to an extent which gives hopes that radical steps for protection of Hawaiian forests will soon be taken. In brief, the situation and the plan suggested are as follows:

There is now no appropriation available with which to do forestry work and anything that is to be now accomplished must be by volunteers and public subscription.

The committee have undertaken to secure a resident volunteer in each district who will undertake, in consultation with other persons locally interested, to prepare a map and description of the proposed forest reservation in such district.

This map and description will then be forwarded to the Governor. If the Governor approves of the suggested forest reservation, he will then promptly declare the same to be a reservation. The governor will then use all his power and influence to withhold from sale or lease all government lands lying within such reservation, reserving them exclusively for forest purposes and for the protection of water sheds.

The Governor and the volunteers acting in conjunction with him will also endeavor to secure co-operation of lessees of government lands and owners of private lands lying within the agreed reservations, so that the same may be entirely devoted to forestry purposes.

For the purpose of making the forest reservations effectual, the volunteers in each district are to attempt to secure private subscriptions for the purpose of fencing the reservations, so as to keep stock out, and also to reforest the reservations when necessary.

All of the foregoing work will be purely voluntary and without the force of law to back it. In order to give the matter a legal standing, the Governor will recommend to the next legislature the passage of a law authorizing the establishment of forest reservations; with power to condemn, pay for and take private lands lying within the same which cannot be otherwise acquired.

The following named persons have already agreed with the committee to act for the several districts named, viz.: E. E. Olding, for the district of Kohala, Island of Hawaii; D. Forbes for the district of Hamakua, Island of Hawaii; George Ross, for the district of North Hilo, Island of Hawaii; Louis von Tempisky for the districts of Kula and Kaupo, Island of Maui; W. W. Goodale, for the district of Waialua, Island of Oahu; W. F. Dillingham, for the district of Ewa, Island of Oahu, and Andrew Adams, for the district of Koolauloa, Island of Oahu.

The committee is in correspondence with other persons in the different islands, and expects at an early date to have secured a forestry representative in each district of the Islands.

The following correspondence between the committee and the Governor gives the details of the approved plan of action:

THE PLANTERS COMMITTEE TO GOVERNOR DOLE.

Honolulu, H. T., November 25, 1902.
S. B. Dole, Governor of the Territory of Hawaii.

Sir: At the recent annual meeting of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, a special committee consisting of the writer, George Ross, D. Forbes and E. E. Olding, were appointed to consult with you to see if some practical method could not be arrived at for establishing forest reservations and protecting them from the ravages of cattle and other disturbing influences.

In accordance with the understanding arrived at between you and the committee, at the meeting held at your office, the committee now suggests to you the following method of accomplishing the results desired, viz:

(1) That you designate some one or more persons in each district who shall take upon themselves the responsibility of procuring a map and description of a proposed forest reservation in such district, which map and description shall then be submitted to you for your approval.

(2) If the several suggested forest

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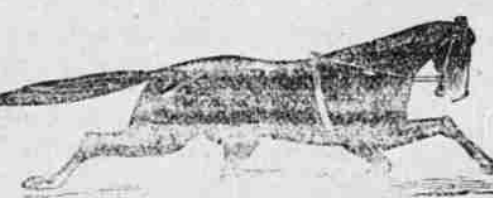
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(3) Upon such approval being given, you to notify the persons who have been designated to secure descriptions of forest reservations, they to thereupon take charge of securing voluntary subscriptions to fence in the reservations so that live stock cannot trespass thereon. So far as the districts of Kohala, Hamakua and North Hilo are concerned, the committee hereby suggest to you the name of E. E. Olding as your agent to designate forest reservation lines in the district of Kohala; D. Forbes for the district of Hamakua, and George Ross for the district of North Hilo.

The gentlemen named will undertake to furnish proper maps and descriptions of proposed forest reservations in those respective districts, the outlines of same to be determined after consultation with the residents of the several districts.

They also hereby assure you that if reservations are made by you on the lines above suggested, they will undertake to procure, by private subscription, the necessary funds for fencing in such reservations.

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